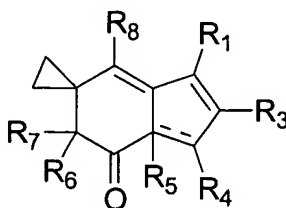


### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-Y,

where n is 0 to 4;

X is O or S or N, and

Y is CHO, NH<sub>2</sub>, COOH, -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkenyl-CHO, -CH(O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, cyclo(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or 5-membered heteroaryl comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from N, S, or non-peroxide O, where the cycloalkyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1-2 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, CHO, OH or halo

R<sub>3</sub> is H or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl;

R<sub>4</sub> is SCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or H;

R<sub>5</sub> is H, OH or absent;

R<sub>6</sub> is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl;

R<sub>7</sub> is OH [[or]]; or

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> together are ethylenedioxy;

R<sub>8</sub> is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl optionally comprising OH or halo;

the bond represented by --- is present or absent; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 2-58 (Canceled).

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59. (Currently Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1 or 2, the bond represented by --- is present, and R<sub>5</sub> is absent.
60. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 59, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> is H, R<sub>6</sub> is CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>7</sub> is OH and R<sub>8</sub> is CH<sub>3</sub>.
61. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 60 wherein n is 1.
62. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 61 wherein Y is CHO.
63. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 61 wherein Y is cyclohexyl.
64. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 60 wherein n is 2 and Y is CHO.
65. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 60 wherein n is 2 and Y is cyclohexyl.